Draft agenda for the consultation on TOSSD with Latin American and Caribbean countries and organisations

Ottawa, Canada, 6 June 2019

9h00   Introduction and welcome

Global Affairs Canada will welcome participants to the meeting. The co-Chairs of the TOSSD Task Force will outline the objectives of the day. The meeting will consist of short presentations followed by discussions, broadly following the main output of the TOSSD Task Force: the TOSSD Reporting Instructions.[1]

9h15   Item 1. General presentation and main concepts & definitions of the TOSSD Statistical Framework

A TOSSD Task Force member will present the main features of the TOSSD statistical framework and the status of its development. Participants will be invited to provide general feedback on:

- The definition of TOSSD (para. 8), in particular on the definition of "officially-supported" resources (para. 13) and the two-pillar approach (para. 19-20)
- The reporting principles, particularly on the relevance of collecting data at activity level (para. 24-25).

Documentation: Emerging TOSSD Reporting Instructions, Chapter 1

10h15   Item 2. TOSSD pillar I: cross-border resource flows in support of sustainable development

A TOSSD Task Force member will present the second chapter of the TOSSD Reporting Instructions. Participants will be invited to provide general feedback and discuss in particular:

- The definition used for triangular co-operation (para. 43)
- The TOSSD eligibility criteria (para. 47 to 49)
- The scope of TOSSD in terms of recipient countries (para. 50 to 52)
- The methodology to report on in-kind technical co-operation (para. 53 to 57).

Documentation: Emerging TOSSD Reporting Instructions, Chapter 2

11h00   Coffee

11h15   Item 2. TOSSD pillar I: cross-border resource flows in support of sustainable development (continued)

The discussion on Item 2. will continue after the coffee break.

13h00 Lunch

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[1] Participants will be expected to have reviewed the TOSSD Reporting Instructions (Version 1.3. as validated by the Task Force at its meeting on 30 January – 1 February 2019, available in English here and in Spanish here) prior to the consultation and to have prepared specific questions or comments for the TOSSD Task Force. Paragraph numbers in this agenda refer to the paragraph numbers in these Reporting Instructions.

14h00   Item 3. TOSSD pillar II: International Public Goods

A TOSSD Task Force member will inform participants about the status of development of TOSSD pillar II, which covers support to International Public Goods, development enablers and global challenges. Since detailed aspects of this Pillar will have been discussed by the Task Force the two days prior to the consultation, participants in the consultation will be invited to react to an oral presentation on the results of the Task Force deliberations notably on:

- The criteria for including activities in Pillar II
- The inclusion of costs incurred in provider countries in Pillar II
- Additional elements that should be included in this Pillar that are particularly relevant to LAC countries and institutions.

Documentation: Emerging TOSSD Reporting Instructions, Chapter 3

15h00   Item 4. Reporting format and detailed instructions

The Task Force Secretariat will present the TOSSD reporting format, data items and definitions. The format includes elements that have not previously been present in international statistics on development co-operation and that could be of particular interest for LAC countries and organisations, such as ways to flag South-South and Triangular co-operation activities or dedicated fields that allow for the valuation of in-kind-technical co-operation. Participants will be given an opportunity to provide feedback, in particular on the usefulness of these TOSSD reporting items, their definitions, and on the capacity of LAC countries and organisations to potentially report on them.

Documentation: Emerging TOSSD Reporting Instructions, Chapter 4

16h15 Coffee

16h30   Item 5. How to ensure inclusive discussions on TOSSD in the UN context?

A TOSSD Task Force member will recall the main objective of the Task Force in terms of governance arrangements, which is to have TOSSD hosted at the UN and co-managed by a UN organisation. Such an arrangement would allow all stakeholders to have a say in the development and evolution of TOSSD. The presentation will also take stock of recent and ongoing work to include TOSSD in UN processes, including its potential use in the Global Monitoring Framework for the SDG indicators and targets. Participants will be invited to discuss ways to ensure that TOSSD is finalised and maintained in the UN context.

17h45   Item 6. Wrap-up and next steps

Global Affairs Canada will provide closing remarks and the co-Chairs of the TOSSD Task Force will summarise the main proposed action points for the Task Force and the participants, based on the discussions held during the day.

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